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| Filed: Concurrently Herewith         | ) | Confirmation No.: |
| For: Gas-Assisted Electrosurgical    | ) | Examiner:         |
| Accessory Connector and Method with  | ) |                   |
| Improved Gas Sealing and Biasing for | ) |                   |
| <u>Maintaining a Gas Tight Seal</u>  | ) |                   |

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Sir:

The Examiner may wish to consider the following references during the examination of the above-identified application:

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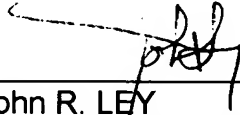
**Other Information**

The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art information described at page 10, lines 22-25, page 21, line 26, and page 8, line 20.

Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's convenience in citing these references. Copies of the above identified references are also enclosed.

Signed at Greenwood Village, Colorado this 27th day of February, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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